

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION**

Date: February 10, 2016

Present: **Magistrate Judge Kathleen Kay**
Minute Clerk: **Lisa LaCombe**
Court Reporter: LCR - Courtroom 3

Court Opened: 10:48 AM
Court Adjourned: 11:18 AM
Statistical Time: 30 mins.

MINUTES OF COURT COMPETENCY HEARING

Check those that apply:

Case Number: 2:14-cr-00228

 X Defendant in custody

Magistrate Number:

 Conditions of Release Signed (AO199)

USA Attorney: Jamilla A Bynog

 Bond set at \$

Defendant: **JAMES ARTHUR RUSSELL**

 Appearance bond signed (AO98)

Defendant's Attorney: Cristie Gibbens

 Bond not made, remanded to custody

() CJA (X) FPD () Retained () Waived

 Failed to Appear

Interpreter:

 Agent Testified, _____

COMMENTS: This matter was called for a Competency Hearing to determine if the Defendant is competent to stand trial. The Court ordered that the Psychological Evaluation Rec. Doc. [36] filed January 6, 2016 from the Bureau of Prisons, Federal Correctional Institute Fort Worth, Texas, be filed under seal. The Government and Defense Counsel stipulated to the report, and agreed to present no evidence. The Court adopted the Report and finds that the Defendant is competent to stand trial.

Oral motion by Defendant's attorney, Cristie Gibbens, for the Court to question the Defendant regarding continued representation by Ms. Gibbens. The motion was Granted. AUSA Byong exited the courtroom. The Court questioned the Defendant and ordered that Ms. Gibbens remain as counsel of record.

Jury Trial is set for **April 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM** before Judge Patricia Minaldi in Lake Charles, LA.